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Fires highlighted in yellow have submitted a final ICS-209

Date: 8/20/2018

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Evening Brief

Date: Monday August 20, 2018

Weather Summary

Showers and thunderstorms will develop Tuesday afternoon mainly Utah and the Arizona strip. Far northern Nevada will also see thunderstorm development tomorrow afternoon. Storms will be mostly wet, though there is the potential for some isolated dry storms across far northern Utah. The storms expected to develop across northern Nevada will be a mix of wet and dry, and are the main concern given the dryness of the fuels in the area. Gusty winds will develop across southern Nevada and southwest Utah on Tuesday.

Drier air will move into the western part of the Great Basin Wednesday pushing moisture to the north and east. As a result, storms on Wednesday are expected to mainly be across the eastern half of Utah and southeastern Idaho. Most storms will be accompanied by wetting rain.

Preparedness Levels & Great Basin Fire Activity (from WFDSS)

Great Basin	5	Light IA Attack Activity
National	5	GB New Fires and Acres: 11 fires 267.7 acres; 46,943 acres large fire growth

Great Basin Fuel Status [interactive link](#) (Use Edge, Chrome or Firefox browsers)

Fuels and Fire Behavior advisory has been issued for [Northern Great Basin](#)

Fuels/Fire Potential

A Fuel/Fire Behavior advisory has been issued for North/West Nevada into Idaho and Northern Utah. This advisory can be found here: <https://gacc.nifc.gov/gbcc/fuels.php>

Widespread areas of critically dry fuels continue across the northern half of the Geographic Area, although ERCs have decreased some with the showers and thunderstorms that moved across the area yesterday. However, ERC's are still in the 80th to 95th percentile across ID/WY/Nrn NV into Nrn UT, with pockets above the 97th percentile.

Sagebrush Live Fuel Moisture levels across the northern half of the Great Basin are near or below mid-August normals, and grasses are cured in all areas. ERC's are below the 50th percentile across most of the southern third of Nevada, southern Utah, into the AZ Strip, with only a few remaining stations in the 70th-80th percentile in southern/southeast Utah, which is near record levels for this time of year in those southern areas. However, increasing moisture by midweek across southern/eastern Nevada into Utah and the AZ Strip should knock fuels down considerably.

Resources:

Aviation within the Great Basin

- 2 VLAT's, 5 LATs, 2 CL-415
- 23 SEATs, 2 Fire Bosses
- 9 Type 1 Helicopters / 9 Committed
- 8 Type 2 Helicopters / 6 Committed
- 20 Type 3 Helicopters

Crews Committed within the Great Basin

- 12 IHCs Committed / 0 Available
- 27 T-2 IAs Committed / 0 Available

Current Incident Details

Today's Activity (from WFDSS):

Incident Name	Unique Fire Identifier	Size	Status	Latitude	Longitude	Pt. Of Origin Sage Grouse Habitat
Exit **	2018-NVECFX-010313	0.1	Out 08/19/18	41.01132	115.3802	GHMA
Spanish Hollow	2018-UTSWS-000677	0.1	Not Contained	37.55458	113.0026	NO
Shingle	2018-NVELD-040219	0.1	Not Contained	38.57988	115.03503	GHMA
Black	2018-UTRID-180469	0.1	Contained 08/20/18	38.82001	112.8578	NO
Rifle Range	2018-NVCCFX-030544	50	Not Contained	39.17427	119.675	NO
Stewart Creek	2018-IDSTF-000306	12	Not Contained	43.49109	115.0641	NO
Bacchus	2018-UTNWS-000837	200	Controlled 08/21/18	40.65542	112.0778	NO
Junk Yard	2018-UTSCS-180470	0.1	Not Contained	38.85188	111.9902	NO
JOHNSON	2018-IDBOF-000923	5	Not Contained	44.78283	115.5505	NO
LOC Government Creek	2018-UTUWF-000839	0.1	Not Contained	40.03997	112.525	PHMA
Bridge Canyon	2018-UTFIF-180474	0.1	Not Contained	39.41047	112.2886	NO

*****fires occurred previous night, not previously reported***

For additional information go to: [Great Basin Coordination Center Web Site](#)